Celebration of Life
for:

Mother Amy Bradford

Affectionately Known As
Honey (Beloved Wife),
Mother Dear, Momma, Lovie (Beloved Mother),
Gram (Beloved Grandmother, Great Grand Mother,
Great-Great Grandmother)

Entrance:
September 9, 1922

Transition:
July 21, 2017

Saint of God
District Missionary Emeritus, National Adjutant Sister Emeritus

"I Have Fought A Good Fight, I Have Finished My Course
I Have Kept The Faith" ~ **II Timothy 4:7**

Friday, July 28, 2017, 11:00 A.M.
Ephesian Church Of God In Christ
1709 Alcatraz Ave., Berkeley, CA.
Bishop Johnathan D. Logan, Sr. Host Pastor

Chief Officiant: The Right Reverend Bishop Johnathan D. Logan, Sr.
Jurisdictional Prelate, Greater Northern California Second Jurisdiction

The Order Of Celebration

The Celebration Expeditors:

1st Admin. Asst. Supt. Lodgie James ; 2nd Admin Asst. Supt. Albert Williams

The Musical Prelude

The Opening.....2nd Admin. Asst. Supt. Albert Williams

We bless thee O' Lord as we enter into this glorious Celebration Of Life – for our dear Mother is absent from the body and now present with the Lord. Amen

The Processional ..... The Jurisdictional Bishop
Admin. Assistants
Clergy
Bradford Family

The Hymn *"Blessed Assurance"*..... Madame Ethel Gist

The Prayer Of Comfort ..... Superintendent Louis B. Spicer, Jr.

The Old Testament (Psalm 27:1-5).....Mother Jerlene Collins
Mom's Favorite Scripture

The New Testament (St. John 14:1-6).....Lady Carolyn Logan

The Ministry of Music (*"I Am Healed"*).....Progressive District Choir

Warm Expressions Of Remembrance.....Mother Emma W. Person
GNC2 Jurisdiction Supv. Of Women

Elder Anthony Brown
GNC2 Jurisdiction Progressive District

Overseer, Elder Jacob Perry
National Adjutant, COGIC

Family Expressions .....Grandchildren (Ms. Alana M. Robinson)
(Husband) Elder Rufus Bradford

The Acknowledgments.....Sister Reneé Dayce

The Ministry Of Music (*"Running For Jesus"*).....Progressive District Choir
Mom's Favorite Song

The Scroll Of Life.....Missionary Dee Jefferson

The Introduction of Eulogist ..... Superintendent Lodgie James
GNC2 First Administrative Asst.

The Sermonic Selection .....Sister Dorris Hutcherson & Company

The Eulogy
Bishop Johnathan D. Logan, Sr.
Jurisdictional Prelate
Greater Northern California Second Jurisdiction

Recessional

Musical Postlude

"One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,"~ **Psalms 27:4**

September 9, 1922

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Mother Amy Bradford
A Woman of God's Favor

Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies.

One might ask, was this scripture written with Mother Amy Bradford in mind? We as her family are biased enough to think so.

An infant girl born to the union of Deacon Ed and Sister Evie Vinson in Bon Weir, Texas.

Mother Bradford was a child who always loved going to church. The seed of Christ was implanted in her heart at an early age. Oh how precious was the name of Jesus to her.

As she matured into womanhood and leaving the state of Texas, she found a new life in Arizona and began working untiringly at her new found church Holy Temple COGIC as a pianist and Pastor's Aide President.

In 1963, Elder and Mother Bradford and the family moved to Richmond, California. Did her principles change? Absolutely not! She was yet a Virtuous Woman. The heart of her husband safely trusted in her so that he had no need of spoil.

She did him good and not evil all the days of her life – ***Proverbs 31:12, 15.*** She rose while it was night and gave meat to her household.

She maintained her sense of integrity in the home, in the community, and in the church. What an example she was of a Godly Woman. She taught Fasting and Praying and Forgiveness of those who have harmed you. She lived what she taught.

She opened her mouth with wisdom and her tongue spoke of kindness – ***Proverbs 31:26-28***. Was she idle – Never! Her teaching was "Get up and be about our Father's business". Yes, she was Virtuous and we as her family rise and call her "Blessed".

As an aged Woman, her behavior always was that of Holiness – never a false accuser, not given to any wine, but a teacher of good things – and sound doctrine ~ ***Titus 2:1, 3***.

Mother Bradford's characteristics caused her to be recognized by the leadership of the Northern California First Jurisdiction under the late Bishop B.R. Stewart and the late Supervisor Mother Richardine Hunt. There she worked untiringly as the First Saturday Women's Fellowship President, State

Sunday School Booster, and served as District Missionary for several Superintendents because she was "Running For Jesus". In 1975, she became First Lady of Holy Ghost Temple COGIC where she served faithfully for thirty seven (37) years as the Women's Department President and Choir President until Elder Bradford retired from pastorage. She was a member for a short time at Vallejo Temple COGIC where she was well loved. Mother Bradford's current membership was at Ephesians COGIC of Richmond where she was dearly loved. Her Pastor Supt. Louis B. Spicer, Jr. made home visits, prayed and sang gospel songs to her.

On the jurisdictional level of Greater Northern California Second Jurisdiction, she served faithfully as Adjutant Mother, Member of the Executive Board, District Missionary of the Progressive District for eleven (11) years, and Assistant Jurisdictional Supervisor under Supervisor Mother Emma Wren Person and the late Bishop Robert – Richard Carr. On the national level she served as a National Adjutant Sister with the late Bishop H. Jenkins Bell, Bishop Barnett Karl Thoroughgood, as well as her close friend Bishop Robert Perry, the current Senior Deputy Adjutant General. She was afforded the opportunity to serve communion to former President Bill Clinton during her tenure. Mother

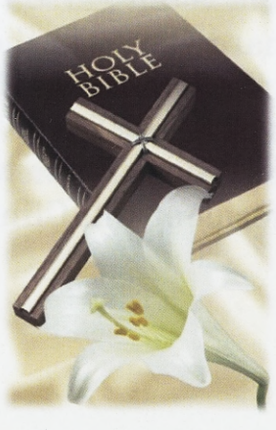
Bradford loved serving The Lord's Table and was called upon numerous times to provide classes on Protocol at various local churches.

Mother Bradford was a "Classy" Lady who loved to Look Good, Smell Good, wear her Beautiful Hats, but yet had an overwhelming sense of Humility and Compassion for those in need according to ***Proverbs 21:13***. She was always cooking meals and feeding others and providing clothes. She loved to garden, and always had beautiful flowers in her home. During the summer she enjoyed delectable watermelon and her favorite color was Baby Blue. She loved to watch basketball and was a lead player (**Guard**) in her youth.

Her favorite phrases were ***"Lift your hand and tell the Lord Thank You", "I just thank the Lord for you"*** and ***"Everything is A-OK"***.

Mother Bradford was extremely family oriented. According to **I Corinthians 13:13** "But the greatest of these is Love". She would always express her love to her family and teach them to love one another as well as be Forgiving of one another and others who had trespassed against them ~ **Matthew 6:14-15**. She was deeply loved by all of her family, extended family, doctors and nurses. She always kept a smile no matter what. Even in her last days Mom was yet witnessing to individuals about the goodness of the Lord, Praising Him and Professing her salvation. *"I am Saved, Sanctified, and Filled with the Holy Ghost!"*

Mother will be warmly remembered by her loving husband – Elder Rufus Bradford of 63 years, son Mr. John Mattox, Daughters – Mrs. Betty Carbin (Al), Dr. Marie N. Robinson (Joseph), Grandchildren – Johan Mattox (Shauntell), Quincy Jones, Alana Robinson, Kim Robinson, Great Grandchildren –Kameron Mattox (Kareena), Yasmine Mattox, Karrington Jones, Jordan Mattox, Charmel Jones, and 16 Great-Great Grandchildren. Missionary Dorothy Jones – the eldest daughter preceded Mother Bradford in death (1945-2000).



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Mother Amy Bradford's Favorite Song

I'VE BEEN RUNNING FOR JESUS A LONG TIME

I've been running for Jesus a long time
I haven't got tired yet

I've been running for Jesus a long time
I haven't got tired yet

I've been running for Jesus a long time
I haven't got tired yet

I've been running for Jesus a long time
I haven't got tired yet

I'm not tired
No----, I'm not tired yet

I'm not tired
No----, I'm not tired yet

I'm not tired
No----, I'm not tired yet

I'm not tired
No----, I'm not tired yet

I've been running for Jesus a long time
I haven't got tired yet

I've been running for Jesus a long time
I haven't got tired yet

I've been running for Jesus a long time
I haven't got tired yet

I've been running for Jesus a long time
I haven't got tired yet

Burdens get heavy
I'm not tired yet

It gets hard sometime
I'm not tired yet

I've been running for Jesus a long time
I haven't got tired yet!

Dear Honey & Momma,

God saw the road was getting rough
The hill was hard to climb,
God saw you getting tired
And a cure was not to be found.
So He put His Arms around u
And whispered.

COME TO ME, YOUNG SOLDIER!

Your weary hours, your days of pain,
Your sleepless nights are passed
Your ever patient spirit
Has found sweet rest at last.

You told me just a few days ago
"It's Time To Let Me Go"
Marie, "When my name is called, I'll be ready
To step up and receive my papers
My ticket is already paid."

With tearful eyes we watched you
And saw you pass away,
And though we loved you dearly
We could not ask you to stay.

Your golden heart stopped beating,
Your hard working hands were put to rest
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.

Your loving husband, Rufus
And devoted children, John, Betty, and Marie

Footprints in the Sand

One night I had a dream.
I dreamed I was walking
along the beach with the Lord and.
Across the sky flashed scenes from my life.

For each scene, I noticed
two sets of footprints in the sand:
One belonged to me, the other to the Lord.

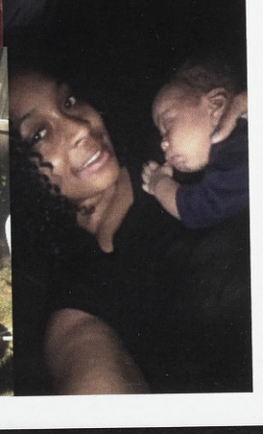
When the last scene of my life
flashed before us,
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.
I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,
there was only one set of footprints.
I also noticed that it happened at the
very lowest and saddest times in my life.

This really bothered me, and I questioned the Lord about it.
"Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you,
You would walk with me all the way;
But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life,
there is only one set of footprints.
I don't understand why in times when
I needed You most, You should leave me."

The Lord replied,
"Amy, My precious, precious child,
I love you and I would never, never
leave you during your times of trials and suffering.

When you saw only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

Isaiah 63:9



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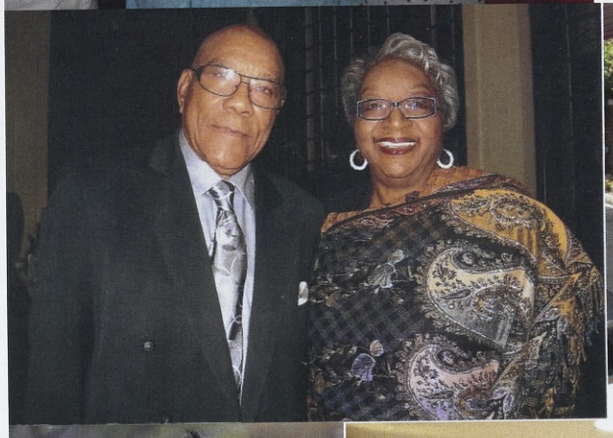
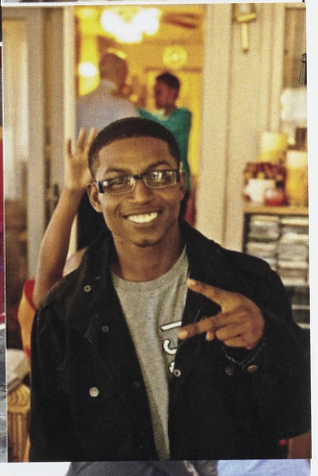
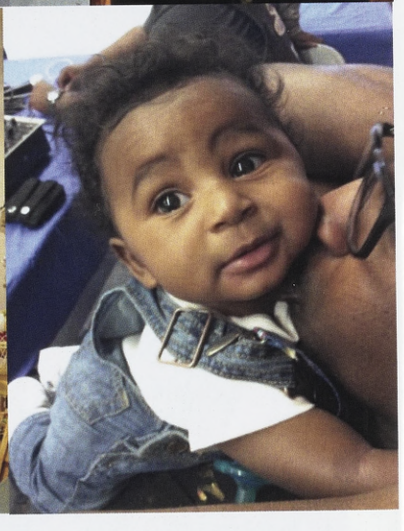






Rev. Rufus and Amy Bradford Turn 90

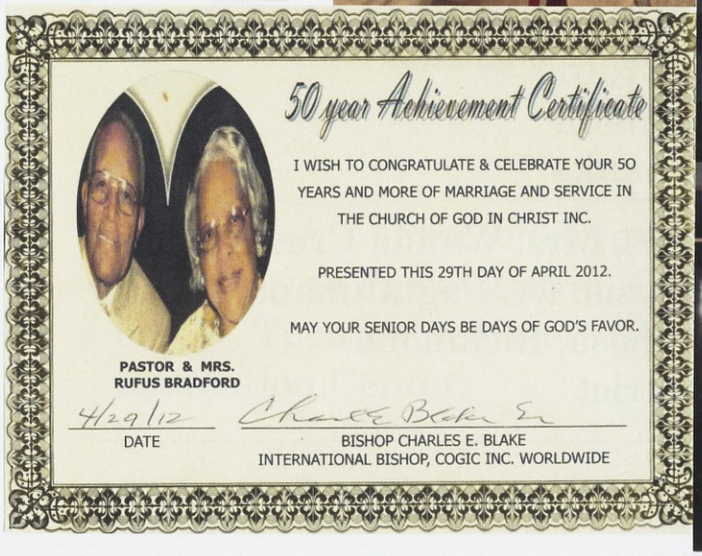
Amy and Rev. Rufus Bradford. Photo by Joe L. Fisher, Black American Political Association of California (BAPAC).

Rev. Rufus Bradford and his wife Amy celebrated their 90th birthdays with 100 family members and friends on Sunday, Aug. 12 at Maple Hall in San Pablo.

The couple has lived since 1965 in Richmond, where they are active in the community.

They have four children, four grandchildren and six great grand children.

Rev. Bradford served as pastor of Holy Ghost Temple C.O.G.I.C. in Richmond from 1966 until he retired in 2011.


50 year Achievement Certificate
I WISH TO CONGRATULATE & CELEBRATE YOUR 50 YEARS AND MORE OF MARRIAGE AND SERVICE IN THE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST INC.
PRESENTED THIS 29TH DAY OF APRIL 2012.
MAY YOUR SENIOR DAYS BE DAYS OF GOD'S FAVOR.
PASTOR & MRS. RUFUS BRADFORD
4/29/12
DATE
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INTERNATIONAL BISHOP, COGIC INC. WORLDWIDE

Honorary Flower Bearers

Mother Joyce Turner
Dr. Marie N. Robinson
Ms. Alana Robinson
Ms. Yasmine Mattox
Mother Myrtle Thompson
Mrs. Betty Carbin
Ms. Kim Robinson
Mrs. Shauntell Mattox

The Progressive District Mother's Board

Active Flower Bearers

Greater Northern California 2nd Jurisdiction Adjutant Sisters

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Mr. John Mattox
Mr. Kameron Mattox
Mr. Al Carbin
Mr. Joseph L. Robinson
Mr. Jordan Mattox

Active Pall Bearers

Mr. Johan Mattox
Mr. Marquise Irvin
Mr. Marcus Cavness
Mr. Andrew Dickover
Mr. Michael Carter
Mr. George Lane

Special Thanks

Ms. Kim Robinson, (granddaughter), Mrs. Wanda Crutchfield, additional caregivers, DaVita Dialysis, Dr. Pagtalunan, Rosemary Olairez, R.N., Luis Espinosa, Richmond Roadrunners, and Progressive District

Arrangements Entrusted To

Wilson & Kratzer Funeral Services
455 – 24th Street
Richmond, CA 94804

Final Resting Place

Rolling Hill Memorial Park
4100 Hilltop Dr.
Richmond, CA. 94806

Acknowledgements

The Bradford Family wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude for your Prayers and every kind deed during their time of need.

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Hilltop Park and Recreation Center
1091 Parkside Street
Richmond, CA 94806

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Oh, Heaven, Heaven Is Mine!